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Demand of Coal

5576. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated demand of coal during 1992-93;

(b) the target fixed for the production thereof during 1992-93; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the gap between the demand and production thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA GOUDA): (a) The country's coal demand in 1992-93, as assessed recently by the Planning Commission, is estimated at 254.50 million tonnes (excluding 5.30 million tonnes of middlings).

(b) The country's coal production target for 1992-93 has been fixed at 238.20 million tonnes.

(c) The gap, if any, between demand materialisation and production is proposed to be met by drawal from pithead stocks, and in case of coking coal for steel plants by imports for blending purposes.

Investigation/Prosecution on corruption charges

5578. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to U. S. Q. No. 3397 on December 11, 91 and state:

(a) whether the information regarding investigation/prosecution of officers on corruption charges has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The information has yet to come from some of he State Governments/Union Territories Administrations.

Allocation of Coal on recommendation of MP's

5579. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision for allocation of coal on the recommendation of Members of Parliament under special circumstances; and

(b) if so, the quantity thereof and the head under which the allocation is made?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Closing of Coal Mines

5580. PROF. ASHOK ANADRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited pro-